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June 2004

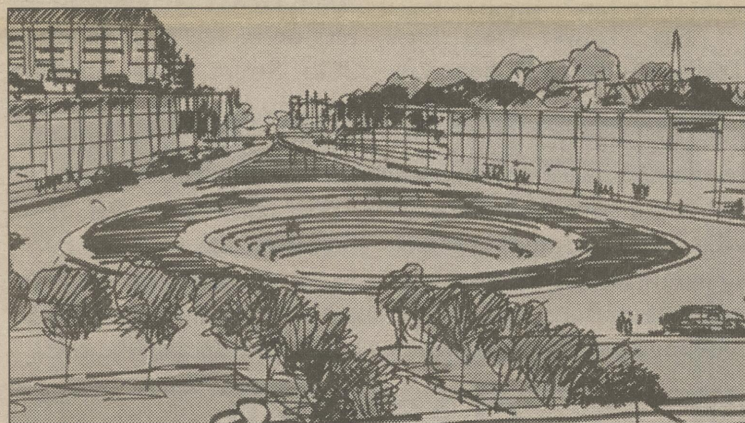
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KenCen Project Surprises ANC

When the Kennedy Center project was presented to the Foggy Bottom/West End Advisory Neighborhood Commission in April, several items came as a surprise to the ANC and nearby residents. One especially distressing revelation which surfaced for the first time was a plan for an outdoor amphitheater in the center of the proposed plaza to the east of the Center.

Daniel F. Sheehan, Watergate East president, stated in a letter to Claudette Donlon, the Center's Vice President, that no such item had been in the plans originally shown to the neighborhood. The outdoor performing area has been proposed instead of a large fountain in the center of the plaza, and is planned to seat up to 1000 persons. Many residents are concerned about performance noise getting out of hand, as it has in the past.



Plaza depiction looking east from the Center. Columbia Plaza is in the upper left; new Center buildings housing a museum, offices and rehearsal space will be constructed on each side of the long drive.

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Homeless Advocate to Speak at FBA Meeting

Michele May, who serves as Homeless Services Coordinator for the D.C. Department of Mental Health, Community Services Agency, will be the speaker at the May 24 meeting of the Foggy Bottom Association. It is scheduled for 7:30 p.m., at the Melrose Hotel, 2430 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W. All residents are welcome and encouraged to attend.

Ms. May has worked with homeless individuals since the late 1980s when she volunteered at a shelter for homeless women. She completed a Master of Social Work degree from Howard University while working fulltime at the shelter. That led to her taking her present position in 1999, and she has performed a variety of services for the homeless since that time. Most recently she has been involved in crisis and linkage services, in addition to providing a Sobering Center to intoxicated individuals during cold weather.

Pursuant to the notice in the May Foggy Bottom News, a vote will be taken on the proposed amendments to the Association's Bylaws.

Update

WG Hotel Conversion Approved

By a vote of 3-1, with one new member abstaining, the Zoning Commission approved the conversion of the Watergate Hotel to a 133-unit residential cooperative apartment building. The change in the Watergate's original planned unit development was requested by Monumental Realty LLC and was supported by some Watergate residents and opposed by others. An earlier proposal for condominiums was withdrawn by the developer because of neighborhood opposition.

Discussion at this brief final hearing involved an amenity (required by PUD regulation) of \$250,000 for low-income housing which some felt was inadequate, and the extent to which the change in zoning conformed to the Comprehensive Plan.

Zoning Commission Hears H&W Testimony

At its meeting on May 13, the Zoning Commission heard testimony on GW's Health and Wellness Center, and has tentatively scheduled a vote at its June meeting. Witnesses included the university, the D.C. Office of Planning, the ANC, the FBA, and one resident who appeared in support of GW.

GW has scaled down the number of new memberships it is seeking for the Center, from the earlier 3000 to just above 1000. Most recently it has asked that the following be allowed to use the Center.

FOGGY BOTTOM ASSOCIATION MEETING

All Residents Welcome

Guest Speaker:

Michele May

Homeless Services Coordinator
D.C. Department of Mental Health

Monday, May 24, 2004

The Melrose Hotel

2430 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.

7:30 p.m.

(Next meeting: Monday, June 28, 2004)

1. Students from the Mount Vernon campus (530), subject to augmented shuttle service: (During the hearing it was revealed that many of these students are now permitted use of the Center if they take classes at the Foggy Bottom campus.)
2. Memberships from St. Mary's Court and the Remington Condominium (600 24th Street) for a total of 102.
3. Students and faculty of School Without Walls which has no athletic facilities (369).
4. Memberships (20) from St. Mary's Church and the Odd Fellows Lodge (701 24th Street)

The above "classes" were agreed to and recommended by the Office of Planning.

GW witnesses continued to request inclusion of the members of the President's Club (about 250), and "special guests" of students and the university (e.g., Board of Trustees, donors, and students' families, etc.) They claimed there would be no significant impact on

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There's Still Time! Celebrate St. Mary's Court's 25th Anniversary

A concert on Saturday, May 22
An anniversary gathering on
Sunday, May 23

Information: 223-5712

Letters

WG Info Incorrect

Where do you get your information on the Watergate from? As usual, it is incorrect. "Condominium apartment" should read "cooperative apartment." The vote was 50.3 in favor, 49.7 against. The information on allocation of shares is also incorrect.

So much for accuracy in reporting!

Illegible one-word signature

Ed. note: Mea culpa, mea culpa. Cooperative is correct; the vote as reported in the FBN article was 50.65% to 49.35%, also incorrect.

Transportation News

The D.C. Department of Transportation has hired a new Ward 2 Transportation Planner, filling a multi-month vacancy. The new planner, who will act as DDOT liaison to the community, is Ramona Burns, who was scheduled to begin her duties on May 17, according to Associate DDOT Director Ken Laden.

Ms. Burns is a Ward 2 resident, and currently works for Arlington County, Virginia, in a similar position. She replaces Heather Brophy who resigned last year to work in Palestine.

In a recent article in the Georgetown Current, several Ward 2 residents applauded

Brophy's responsiveness, attendance at community meetings, and her "real attention" to ANC's and others interested in traffic issues. "Having the position filled by not only an experienced person but a Ward 2 resident as well will undoubtedly help with many shortcomings in communication DDOT is accused of," stated FB resident Ellie Becker. Recently she gave City Administrator Robert Bobb a long list of problems in Foggy Bottom/West End concerning faulty notice about projects and non-responsiveness to requests for service.

DDOT Making Progress on Requests

While the worrisome, inappropriate lights remain on Virginia Avenue, the latest word is that corrections will be made sometime in June. Other requests to DDOT are also being answered.

Ron Cocome, FBA President and Watergate resident, recently wrote DDOT with praise for its job in the median strip on New Hampshire Avenue. The strip, which had large cobblestones and many weeds, has been planted with grass and is vastly improved in appearance. Efforts are being made to add some trees and to assure that regular mowing and care are provided. Ellie Becker has asked the Department of Public Works to relocate the trashcan

Laureen Smith to Leave Western

Reverend Laureen Smith is ending her ministry at Western Presbyterian Church at 24th & Virginia Avenue, and will settle in Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada.

She has been at Western and serving as Protestant Campus Minister at GW for 14 years, and received her Ph.D. in Human Sciences from the university. During her time here, she has taught in the Theatre & Dance, Religion, Sociology, and Women's Studies departments.

Smith plans to "pursue her life-long interest in the arts," while retaining her ordination status, saying "who knows what God might have in store for the United Church of Canada!" The congregation plans a special worship service at 11:00 a.m. on May 23 for Reverend Smith followed by a luncheon at noon.

recently moved to the strip so as not to kill the grass.

Another request for service was answered when a large and dangerous depression in the brick sidewalk on Eye Street was repaired. As we go to press, other sidewalks are being repaired including one across the street, where bricks were pushed up by tree roots and protruded dangerously. As you pass sidewalks with a layer of sand, help the process by

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West End Traffic Study Delayed

The "Lower West End Traffic Study," announced in March by the D.C. Department of Transportation, has been delayed by the addition of several streets to the study area. The original project schedule called for development of options and public meetings in late April. Be-

cause the community requested that K Street (2400 block) be added, additional time will be needed for department approvals.

The study was promised when DDOT changed the direction of the 1100 block of 26th Street from one-way north to two-way. According to the original project outline, the study area will be M Street on the north, 28th Street on the west, Pennsylvania Avenue and the west side of Washington Circle; and 23rd Street on the east.

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Included in the exhibit are DAR's collection of wedding dresses, as well as from the Valentine Richmond History Center. It will also feature a "rare collection of wedding dresses worn by three generations of one family," one in 1885, the second in 1914, and the third in 1942.

The DAR Museum's collection of American decorative arts contains wedding items which now are included in the display. Several educational programs and guided tours are available during the summer, such as instructions on wedding paper dolls and on preservation of gowns, and a lecture on Civil War weddings. For info/reservations 879-3240 or kscott@dar.org. (See Neighborhood Datebook for a June event.)



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traffic or noise if these classes of persons were permitted.

As to hours of operation, the D.C. Office of Planning has recommended extending the hours from 10:00 to 11:30 p.m., rejecting GW's request for a closing hour of 1:00 a.m.

The Office of Planning also requested the Commission to emphasize to GW that "the main purpose of the Wellness Center is to provide facilities to GWU students and suggest that the University seek to encourage increased student usage." These and other points were stressed by OP's Ellen Mc-

Carty and John Fondersmith during testimony and cross-examination.

Cynthia Jachles, a resident of Columbia Plaza and a member of the "Friends" group, presented a proposal to allow an additional 100 members from the nearby community on a first come, first served basis. She cited the cost of a nearby facilities, as well as the fact that they would not add to traffic or noise.

Hughes Mews House Still Pending

The Board of Zoning Adjustment considered at its May 4 meeting several zoning variances requested by the architect for a proposed house behind 935 26th Street. The ANC at its April meeting supported the project, especially since the height of the structure had been lowered.

Some nearby residents are still concerned about the building as out of character (size and design-wise) from its neighbors in Queen Anne's Lane and Hughes

Becker Beat



Pat Patters on

As I write in this second week of May, I am thinking of "Pat" Patterson, who died this week at his home. We assume it was in his sleep. At press time the exact time and cause of death were not known.

Pat was known for the jaunty statue in the bay window of his house, which in proper season held a Redskin pennant. Flower-lovers also

Mews. At the hearing they and an attorney for the Foggy Bottom Historic District Conservancy testified, asking that current zoning regulations and the overlay be respected. Lisa Farrell told the News the neighbors feel the city and its residents are diminished when exception after exception is granted, especially absent hardship situations.

The BZA will announce its decision at its June 8 meeting.

admire the two beautiful, prolific and incredibly fragrant roses in front of his house which he claimed he bought in a five and ten cent store. And we remember that small (now grown) granddaughter who visited often and lit up his life.

Among other contributions to the Foggy Bottom area was his service as Foggy Bottom News editor some years ago, in which his column, "Pat Patters On," appeared regularly. (When I was searching for a name for my column, I realized his was one I would find it difficult to top.) Recently he has been an active leader of the "Friends" group which meets regularly with representatives of the university.

His will stipulated no funeral, no memorial service, and no printed obituary (which I don't think this is). He did say he would not object to a gathering down the line to lift a glass or two. As a friend told the News, "That sounds like the Pat we knew and loved." No doubt that will occur!

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CPTA Plans Trips to Raise Funds

The Columbia Plaza Tenants Association, anticipating the need for additional funds for an ongoing lawsuit, invites residents to join several day trips this summer. Ruling out bake sales and similar fund-raising events for a variety of reasons, they concluded that a few one-day bus trips departing from our neighborhood might be of interest to nearby residents. They would offer diversions while supporting the tenants in their struggle against the Columbia Plaza owners and George Washington University.

As reported earlier in the News, CPTA has asked the court to determine if the sale

of part of the building ownership to GW "triggered" the tenants' rights of first refusal to buy their buildings. The Foggy Bottom Association filed an amicus brief in support of the tenants.

The transportation proceeds for these trips, listed below, will benefit the CPTA. Call immediately for information or to reserve.

Sat., June 19
Rehoboth Beach
\$50 (transp. only)

Sun., July 25
PA Resort & Theatre*
\$88 (transp., brunch, show)

Sat., Aug. 7
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Sun., Aug. 29
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Other suggestions included fall trips to Dover Downs (slots), Annapolis, and Shopping Outlets.

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FB residents line up for Metro tunnel tour in the block which now houses the new hospital. Notice the small buildings in the rear, one of which housed Foggy Bottom Gifts, a treasured, long-gone shop.

More Nostalgia

By Ellie Becker

Listed below are the names of some of the persons who have served as Foggy Bottom Association president during the last 40 years. Listed are those we know live nearby; some still in Foggy Bottom. We owe them a tip of the hat (from those who still wear a hat) for their service.

1962-63 Alex Wiskup*
1966-67 Alling Brown*

1967-69 Charles Schoeneman
1971-72 Les Janka
1973-75 Dick Palco*
1975-78 Bob Charles
(just moved to Chestertown)
1984-85 Ellie Becker*
1985-87 Robert Brewster
1987-89 Richard Price*
1991-95 Chris Lamb*
1995-00 Ellie Becker*
2000-01 Michael Thomas*
2001-02 Jacqueline Lemire*
2002- Ron Cocome*

And That Reminds Me

One of the above, who will remain anonymous, came out one morning and found that his car had been towed from a legal parking space. It turned out that Metro officials working on the FB station had failed to post emergency no-parking signs early enough the night before. At that time he was employed at the White House and was angry enough to

*Still live in Foggy Bottom

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It was scheduled for January 27, 1974, a Sunday, and because of the time of year only a small group was expected. Wrong! The temperature reached 70 that day, and the lines to take the tour (hard hats required and they brought a limited

number) stretched and stretched.

The wonderful Alice Plaisted, former resident and talented photographer, captured the event "for posterity." The photos do not show the very tall (and somewhat scary) wooden construction ladders leading from ground level to the "mezzanine" level, and from there down to the track level. My most vivid memory is of several of the Sisters of Charity from Immaculate Conception Acad-

emy (formerly at 24th & K) wearing hard hats and carefully climbing down, with their ankle-length habits not interfering a bit. (Fortunately, by that year they no longer wore the famous white wing head gear.) It was quite a day, but unfortunately there were more tour-seekers than tour-time available.

Another Metro Memory

The day the Foggy Bottom Metro opened in July 1976 saw our neighborhood celebration outshine even Mayor Barry's appearance elsewhere. Two local singers sang about Charlie on the MTA, and even composed and sang a special song about D.C.'s transportation woes. That weekend the TV stations ran clips of FB almost continuously, eclipsing the Mayor's opening of another station.

Bob Charles and others planned the happenings: Mary Healy and a group met the first train to come through just after 7:00 a.m. Later "George and Martha Washington" left on the Blue Line

to journey to Virginia, and celebrities made speeches, including Foggy Bottom's memorable Councilmember, John Wilson.

John was a pragmatic politician, not given to pontif-

icating. His speech was short and to the point. John said: "I'm glad to be here to greet you Metro riders this morning. All I want to say is—keep riding it; it's costing us a bundle!" We miss him still.

Ten FB/WE Properties Sold in April

During April, 10 home sales in the FB/WE area were recorded as settled. The list of these sales by various agents was compiled by realtor Tom Murphy (625-5342).

| Address | Building & Floor | Bed/ Bath | Sale Price | Date |
|---------------|-------------------------|--------------|---------------|------|
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| 950 25th | Claridge House, 5th fl. | 1/1 | 175,000 | 4/12 |
| 1275 25th | Whitman, 7th fl. | 1/1 | 425,000 | 4/15 |
| 1111 23rd | Ritz Carlton, 4th fl. | 2/2 | 1,375,000 | 4/15 |
| 1111 23rd | Ritz Carlton, 4th fl. | 3/3.5 | 1,500,000 | 4/15 |
| 950 25th | Claridge House, 1st fl. | 2/2 | 333,000 | 4/23 |
| 2475 Virginia | Potomac Plaza, 8th fl. | 1/1 | 238,000 | 4/26 |
| 955 26th | The Griffin, 3rd fl. | 1/1 | 375,000 | 4/28 |
| 2201 K | | 1/1 | 303,000 | 4/30 |
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Handicap Access is Unpleasant

Since the opening of the so-called "Roman Stairway" to the Center, access for handicapped individuals is through the garage opening east of the steps. The route for a wheelchair is fairly long and unmarked. Entrance to the Center is through doorways near escalators, but directions to an elevator are not prominent. The News was told that a new handicap ramp is "some months way." The pedestrian ramp used for the past several months has been closed off.

Plan Decreases Southbound Access

Another continuing objection to the project, dating back to the earliest discussions several years ago, is the closing off and cancellation of an access ramp to the Center and its garages for traffic southbound on the Whitehurst Freeway and Potomac River Freeway. The plans do call for an exit ramp onto the Theodore Roosevelt Bridge but no access ramp. In a letter to Federal Highway officials, Sheehan said: "We urged that the plan—as a priority—include direct access for the southbound traffic" using the Potomac River Freeway, thereby lessening "the traffic burden on our surface streets. . . ." The community was assured that such relief would be provided if at all possible." Paul Nishimoto, Federal Highway project director, explained that ramps off Federal highways are not allowed. However, up until the onset of the Kennedy Center construction, there was such a ramp.

Another possible help was suggested by Ellie Becker, who serves on two DDOT transportation groups. In a meeting on possible Theodore Roosevelt Bridge changes, she requested that the Park Service alter its rules for Rock Creek Parkway. Currently, cars may exit the Center onto the Parkway at F Street, turn north or turn left (south toward Virginia). The opportunity for cars traveling south to turn left into the Center at F Street (the same signaled intersection) has not been permitted. Ms. Becker asked that it be seriously considered.

In a letter being filed with the National Capital Planning Commission, which will also consider the plan, she asks: "Does any of this indicate a blind eye to D.C. residents and a free ride for Virginia? We think so."

Discussions being held at meetings on the Roosevelt Bridge are also of concern, as they presage additional traffic on the northbound Potomac Freeway which will end up on 27th Street, K Street and Pennsylvania Avenue at 26th Street, already at capacity, especially in rush hour. Ms. Becker also told the NCPC that it is "not too late for . . . significant improvements in the traffic circulation to ease the congestion on Foggy Bottom streets. It is time to give us a well-deserved break."

Who Says You Can't Move A Mountain . . .

By Norrene Vogt

Twenty-nine dedicated, hard-working neighbors and friends joined together Saturday morning April 24, for what we think is the 4th Annual Spring Park Clean-up. Laughs, coffee and donuts, pizza, pruning, weeding, planting and moving a mountain of wood chips kept everyone on the move. The persistent group of strong men kept those wheelbarrows rolling until the mountain was moved!

The clean-up crew consisted of Jamie and Jim Graeter, Susan Lampton, Bill Williams, Richard Long, Paul and Lisa Kluskowski, Bobbie Hertzfeld, Ed Gable, Paul O'Leary, B. Rief, Dawn Gustafson, Scott Wayne, Bruno Freschi, Vaune Ainsworth, Cat Knight, Michael New, Virginia and Mike Wiedmaier, Susan Wallace, Eydie Gaskins, Melissa

Charon, Russ Conlan, Alan and Marina Alper, Nori Uchida, Ann Savage and Norrene and Bob Vogt. If someone was omitted or a name spelled incorrectly, please excuse!

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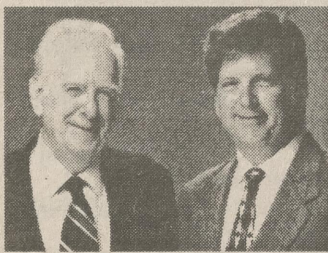
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The Editor Gives Thanks

By Ellie Becker

It is time again, unhappily for this editor's last time, to communicate in the News her appreciation for all who helped write, print, and distribute it during the past year. Again, being neighbors, please forgive if a name is missed or misspelled!

First and foremost, **Rita Champagne**, ad manager par excellence. She was able, committed, and also seemed to enjoy "selling" the paper as well as the neighborhood on frequent journeys around the area. Rita was also responsible in large part for a year in which the News was in the black; believe it—that's unusual.

And kudos for those who contributed either occasionally or on a regular basis: FB Diner **Jim Patterson**; Arts critic **Bob Anthony** (he's also on-line); **Ron Cocome**, of course, as FBA President and reporter of news; **Caroline Coates**, **Suzanne Foss** and **Tom Murphy** for the home sales information. Other occasional contributors were **Anne Harvey**, **Barbara Spillinger**,

Jim McGrath, **Elena Lobo**, **Helder Gill**, **Mel Maeda**, **Cleo Long**, **Marcy Dolan**, **Charles Simic**, and **Norrene Vogt** ("This is Your Trash Can Speaking"). And of course our good "friend," **Stephen Joel Trachtenberg**. (A year would not be complete without one of his charming letters!)

Special thanks go to **Christopher Buckley** for "Foggy Bottom Blues," his memoir of earlier days at 23rd & Virginia Avenue reprinted in the April Issue, and to **Tom Mallon**, author of "A House in Foggy Bottom," tracing the history of the newly-acquired "Octagon" house formerly owned by Melita Rodeck. We hope to reprint it in the July issue of the News.

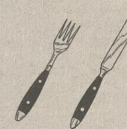
Well, something does happen after we get the words in line. They travel in a floppy disc to **General Typographers** out New York Avenue, where **Bud Gray** reproduces them on handsome galleys, and later into the even more handsome "film." From GT it makes its way to Sterling, Virginia, to **Silver Communications** for printing. This latter is under the direction of **Sterling Schiff-**

man who, for lo these many years, has performed the final step on his newspaper presses.

Silver then brings our 5500 copies to **St. Mary's Court** for counting and bundling prior to delivery around the neighborhood. Prior to that **Ilona Melstrads** has produced labels to be affixed to 50-60 bundles tied by faithful helpers **Norrene Vogt** and **Joe Chaplick**, helped also by **Dawn Gustafson** and **Abe Freund**. The next morning Ilona's delivery instructions are used by **Ed Gable** or **Bob Vogt**, with the help of GW students **Adam Drexler** and **Jackie Andes**.

Next, a great band of residents who tote the News, on foot, to individual homes, apartment buildings and retailers. The champ in this regard, at least numbers-wise, is **Rita Champagne**, who visits stores, restaurants, etc., distributing and "good-neighboring" as she goes. The other dutiful deliverers are **Marifran Langvardt**, **Gail Raywid**, **Monika Bernstein**, **Joe Chaplick**, **Marie Kirby**, and **Laetitia Combrinck**. Moving to the north part of FB/WE, deliverers are **Chris Labas**, **Kate Clinton**, **Mike Malloy**, **Jim McLeod**, and **Karen Hamrick**. The historic district's paper people are **Nori Uchida**, **Doug Hansen**, **Dixie Woodard**, **Steve Timlin**, **Patrick Cody**, **Suzanne Foss**, **Dorothy Ohliger**, **Janet Farbstein**, **Ann Mikulik**, **Susan Lamp-ton** and **Mel Maeda**. **Jennie Lazowski** takes copies to the Kennedy Center and attends to the FBNews mailing list (to government officials, members outside the distribution area, the press, other citizens' associations, etc.) No major corporation could have a better staff!

The Foggy Bottom Diner



By Jim Patterson

Kinhead's Equals Power Dining

Does life get any better than dining at Kinhead's? No. The service, food, drink, and atmosphere attract the likes of First Lady Laura Bush, Homeland Security Secretary Tom Ridge, Senator Edward Kennedy, and "virtually the entire Bush cabinet," says General Manager George Ronetz.

Hollywood celebrities Harrison Ford and Barbra Streisand have also dined at Kinhead's. Business and government types are regular customers and much important business is conducted over cocktails and meals. Thus, Kinhead's has a city-wide reputation for power dining. Ronetz says the restaurant has an international reputation thanks to the business from the World Bank. It's located in Red Lion Row at 2000 Pennsylvania Avenue.

Kinhead's was closed for renovation in January and February. Ronetz says the kitchen was completely rebuilt. Diners will be satisfied with the efficient service coming from the redesigned kitchen. Live music, 6:30 to 11:00 p.m., permeates the restaurant.

On a recent visit, I enjoyed a shellfish sampler, \$14, from the raw bar. It consisted of oysters, clams and shrimp served on a bed of crushed ice with two zesty sauces. The sampler was the perfect little pre-meal snack.

After the sampler, I migrated to the smoke-free dining room, which opens for dinner evenings at 5:30. The wine menu is among the most impressive in town. Thirteen varieties of martinis are on the menu, priced \$8.75 and up, and I was tempted to have the Classic Martini, my favorite, but instead settled for non-alcoholic beer.

The dinner menu consists of daily specials and Kinhead's specialties. The menu is heavy on seafood dishes (it's their specialty), but chicken and steak are also available.

For my appetizer I wanted the smoked salmon but I didn't want the Swedish vegetables also served with the dish. I settled for the jumbo crab cake in tangy white sauce with an ample serving of corn and scallions. The crab cake, \$16, was delectably light and the corn mix was just the right texture and flavor to highlight the dish. This is a delicious and satisfying appetizer and I highly recommend it.

The soup menu was tempting and I ordered the asparagus soup with a ragout of English pea flan, priced at

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\$8.50. The soup was, as you can imagine, very green. It was tasty but somewhat gritty. I can't recommend this one and I'll definitely select another soup on my next visit.

For my entree, I enjoyed the seared scallops with smoked bacon and fennel tarte tatin, priced at \$30. This dish is superb! The scallops were seared just right and the smoked bacon provided a magnificent flavor. You simply must try this dish the next time you are at Kinkead's; I highly recommend it.

General Manager Ronetz noted that Kinkead's has been in Foggy Bottom for ten years and has served thousands of satisfied customers, including the rich and famous as well as diners wanting an appealing atmosphere in which to conduct business. Kinkead's has a richly deserved reputation as an outstanding restaurant and a respected institution in Foggy Bottom.

While Kinkead's can seat over 200 diners, reservations are highly recommended; telephone 202-296-7700. Enjoy your next evening out at Kinkead's and be sure to tell them you are dining at the strong recommendation of Jim —The Foggy Bottom Diner.

Neighborhood Datebook

Monday, May 24: Foggy Bottom Association meeting, featuring **Michele May**, Homeless Services Coordinator for the D.C. Department of Mental Health. Melrose Hotel, 2430 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W. All residents welcome and encouraged to attend. 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, June 2: Guided tour of the DAR Museum's **American Wedding** exhibit. DAR Museum, 1776 D Street, N.W. Info/reservations: 879-3240 or kscott@dar.org. 12:00 noon-1:00 p.m. Also Wednesday, August 11.*

Thursday, June 3: Chamber Jazz at its Best: Marc Copland and Gary Peacock. Called "jazz legends" and "a duo at the highest level," their performance on piano and bass will be followed by a reception. \$35; members \$25. 7:00 p.m.**

Friday, June 4: St. Mary's Court **bazaar, yard sale, cookout and bake sale.** Donations gratefully accepted. 725 24th Street, N.W. Info: 223-5712. 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

Saturday, June 5: Opening reception for "Summer Capriccio" exhibition of watercolor collage paintings and art tables by **Stephen Bates.** Exhibition continues through July 15. Watergate Gallery & Frame Design, 2552 Virginia Avenue, N.W. Info: 338-4488. 5:00-8:00 p.m.

Sunday, June 6: "D-Day Remembered . . ." "This is Richard C. Hottelet, CBS News Reporting," an interview with one of the [Edward R.] "Murrow Boys" on the occasion of the 60th anniversary of the invasion. Included will be recordings of historic radio broadcasts, as well as reflections on his experiences as a war correspondent. Sponsored by GWU and the Smithsonian Associates. Betts Theater, Marvin Center, 800 21st Street, N.W. Info/free tickets: 994-6467 or 994-1423. 3:30 p.m.

Monday, June 7: "Empire: French Women and the Creation of a Style," book signing and lecture by art historian Dr. Madeleine Deschamps on how the "talented women" of the Napoleonic era "added charm and delicacy to architecture, decoration and fashion." \$16; members \$12. 7:00 p.m.**

Wednesday, June 9: Concert by "**Jenny Lind**" award-winner Mariann Fjeld Olsen, accompanied by Bernt Wil-

helmsson, Royal Academy of Music winner. Reception follows. \$20; members \$16. 7:00 p.m.**

Thursday, June 10: Zoning Commission hearing on request by James Pedas to change the **zoning for Square 37.** The West End Library, the MPD Special Operations station, and the Tiverton Apartments are in this block. Zoning Hearing Room, 441 Fourth Street, N.W. (Judiciary Square Metro). 6:30 p.m.

Tuesday, June 15: "It's How You Play the Game," cabaret starring **Marlene VerPlanck.** \$20.; members \$15. 7:00 p.m.**

Wednesday, June 16: Foggy Bottom/West End **Advisory Neighborhood Commission** meeting. Info: 736-1775. Tentative location: State Plaza Hotel, 2116 F Street, N.W. 7:00 p.m.

Thursday, June 17: "America Dancing" Post-Performance Discussion Series following the **Ballett Frankfurt.** The program provides an informal setting to exchange ideas and deep understanding of modern dance. Kennedy Center. #

Sunday, June 20: St. Mary's Episcopal Church will have its Annual Corporate **Communion Breakfast and Program** following the 8:00 a.m. service in the Church, 728 23rd Street, N.W. The breakfast and program will follow at St. Mary's Court, 725 24th Street, N.W. Info: 333-3985. Adults, \$8.00; Children, \$4. 9:00-10:30 a.m.

Tuesday, June 22: "Small Planet: Covering an Ever Shrinking World," featuring work by **Michael Robinson-Chavez**, named **Photographer of the Year** by the White House News Photographers' Association. Includes photos from Iraq, Israel/Palestine, Mexico and Kenya, as well as a decade-long project in Peru. Viewing of the WHNPA annual exhibition "Eyes of History" follows. \$16; members \$12. 7:00 p.m.**

Wednesday, June 23: Kati Marton, author of "Hidden Power—**Presidential Marriages that Shaped History**," will discuss "current candidates' wives" as well as the role of former First Ladies. \$16; members \$12.** 7:00 p.m.

Thursday, June 24: "An Evening with **Sally Mann**," prize-winning photographer, whose work is the subject of a new exhibition at the Corcoran. It will include a slide presentation, viewing of the exhibition and discussion of her book. \$18; members \$15. 7:00 p.m.**

Friday, June 25: Explore Theater Lunchtime Look-ins, featuring discussion with cast of **Tennessee Williams' Cat on a Hot Tin Roof.** Kennedy Center. \$10; subscribers/members \$8. 12:00 noon-1:30 p.m. #

Monday, June 28: Foggy Bottom Association meeting, including elections for FBA Executive Board; probable speakers will be candidates in D.C.'s September primary election.

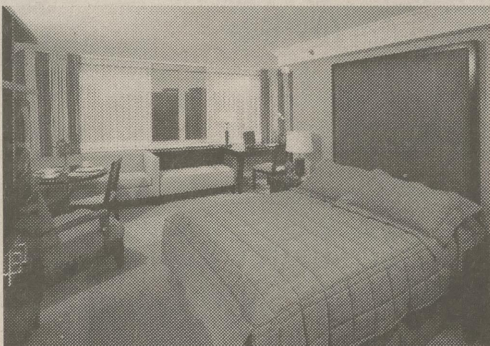
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